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SUBJECT: PRINCE SAUD'S TRAVEL TO U.S.

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1. I WAS TOLD AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY THAT PRINCE SAUD AND HIS OFFICE DIRECTOR, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY, HASSAN SHAWWAF, WILL BE ARRIVING IN DULLES ON SEPTEMBER 15 AT 1530 HOURS VIA TWA FLIGHT 891 FROM PARIS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE PRESSURES ON U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS THESE DAYS, IT WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE SAUDIS IF YOU COULD MEET THE PRINCE ON HIS ARRIVAL. IF THIS CAN BE DONE (WITHOUT MORTALLY OFFENDING 155 OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS) IT COULD HELP US GET OVER PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN THE PATH OF OUR RELATIONS, AND ANY DISAGREEABLE SURPRISES, TOO.
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